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INVOLVEMENT OF PRIS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT ORIENTED PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Advisory Council (NAC) has decided to evolve a strategy for involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in the implementation of various development oriented programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) &(b) In pursuance of the commitment made by the UPA Government in the National Common Minimum Programme to strengthen Panchayati Raj and local government institutions, the National Advisory Council have made certain recommendations based on an analysis of the present status of devolution under Part IX of the Constitution . These recommendations pertain to issues of financial devolution, accountability and the performance of Panchayats; implementation of the provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996; gender empowerment; extensive use of simple Information Communication Technologies (ICT) interventions for transparency and easier access to information and services; empowering Gram Sabhas and providing institutional linkages to user communities; activity mapping of functions relating to subjects listed in Schedule XI of the Constitution; and capacity building of Panchayat members.

(c) The Recommendations of the NAC are under examination.